



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 7350

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The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-233a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (c) "In-school suspension" means an exclusion from regular
5 classroom activity, [for no more than five consecutive school days,] but
6 not exclusion from school, provided such exclusion shall not extend
7 beyond the end of the school year in which such in-school suspension
8 was imposed.

9 Sec. 2. Section 10-233c of the general statutes is amended by adding
10 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

11 (NEW) (f) Suspensions pursuant to this section shall be in-school
12 suspensions, unless during the hearing held pursuant to subsection (a)

13 of this section, the administration determines that the pupil being
14 suspended poses such a danger to persons or property or such a
15 disruption of the educational process that the pupil shall be excluded
16 from school during the period of suspension.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-233a(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-233c

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
State Technical High Schools	GF - Cost	Potential	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Cost	Potential	Potential

Explanation

The bill reduces the possibility of out-of-school suspensions which may result in school districts having to provide alternative in-school programs not currently utilized. This may result in an increased need of staff. The potential cost would likely be minimal although larger school districts with numerous suspensions could see costs which would be considered more than minimal. The potential cost is dependent on the chosen path of implementing in-school suspensions rather than out-of-school suspensions.

The Out Years

The potential cost stated above would continue in to the out years subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 7350*****AN ACT CONCERNING IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill generally prohibits out-of-school suspensions. By law, a student can be suspended for conduct (1) that violates a publicized board policy or seriously disrupts the educational process or (2) on school grounds or at a school sponsored activity, that endangers persons or property. The law defines suspension as exclusion from school privileges or from transportation services only for up to 10 consecutive school days.

The bill requires suspensions to be in-school suspensions unless the school administration determines, at the required informal suspension hearing, that the student should serve his suspension outside of school because he poses such a (1) danger to persons or property or (2) disruption of the educational process. Current law defines in-school suspension as exclusion from classroom activity, but not from school, for up to five consecutive days. The bill eliminates this five-day limitation, thus allowing the imposition of these suspensions for up to 10 consecutive days. Under existing law, an exclusion from school privileges for more than 10 days constitutes an expulsion and requires a formal hearing.

The law allows students to be placed in in-school suspension up to 15 times or a total of 50 days in one school year, whichever results in fewer days. Students can be suspended out-of-school only 10 times or 50 days in one school year, whichever results in fewer days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

BACKGROUND

Related Bills

HB 7273, reported favorably by the Education Committee, allows boards of education to, under certain circumstances, waive or shorten suspension and expulsion periods and expunge notice of the disciplinary actions from student records.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/26/2007)